GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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FISCAL DEFICIT AS PERCENTAGE OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the fiscal deficit as percentage of Gross Domestic Product, as on July 1 and January 1, during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken to control the same and the success achieved during the above period;

(c) whether of late the rate of growth of industry and revenue collections have shown a downward trend; and

(d) if so, the comparative figures for the last three years?

Answer

FINANCE MINISTER (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred QuestionNo. 287 for 11th August, 2000 by Shri A. Narendra regarding `Fiscal Deficit as percentage of Gross Domestic Product`

(a) Fiscal deficit as a proportion of Gross Domestic Product is available on a full financial year basis.The fiscal deficit of Central Government for the period April-June and April-December for the last three years is as follows:

Year	Rs. crore	
	April-June	April-December
1997	23796	41463
1998	33757	73434
1999	33512	67082

Note:
1. The figures of fiscal deficit are provisional and unaudited.
2. Due to change in the accounting procedure, fiscal deficit for 1999 excludes the transfer of States` share in the small savings collections.

(b) The various measures initiated in the last few years to raise revenue and restrict the growth of non-plan revenue expenditure have contained Centre`s gross fiscal deficit as a percentage of GDP at 4.8 percent in 1997-98,5.1 percent in 1998-99 and 5.6 percent in 1999-2000(RE).

(c) & (d) Industrial growth (as per the Index of Industrial Production -base 1993-94) is 6.5 percentin 1997-98, 3.8 percent in 1998-99 and 8.1 percent in 1999-2000. In the current year (April-May 2000-2001), overall industrial production registered a growth of 5.6 percent. The growth in Central Government`srevenue receipts is 6.0 percent in 1997-98, 11.7 percent in 1998-99 and 20.1 percent in 1999-2000 (RE). The growth in revenue receipts of the Central Government in the current year (April-June 2000-2001) is 26.6 percent.